

Bryant on the Ornithology of Guadalupe Island.—In December, 1885, Mr. Bryant visited Guadalupe Island, and the results of his three and a half months' work there is given in a paper* of 50 pages, published in the 'Bulletin' of the California Academy of Sciences. The only previous exploration of the island in the interest of ornithology was made by Dr. Edward Palmer, in 1875, who obtained 72 specimens of birds, representing nine species, eight of them being land birds and new to science. To this list Mr. Bryant added 27 species, raising the total number now known from the island to 36. All but four of the species are land birds, and eight of them are peculiar to the island. Mr. Bryant's paper opens with a detailed account of the topography, climate, and vegetation of the island, which is followed by a copiously annotated list of the species, consisting of biographical notes of much interest, including descriptions of the nests and eggs of most of the resident species, of which nothing was previously known. Good series of specimens were obtained of most of the species met with, measurements of which are also included.

Although Dr. Palmer seems to have harvested the 'first fruits' (Mr. Bryant failing to obtain any species new to science), Mr. Bryant's paper admirably supplements Mr. Ridgway's papers on the bird fauna of the island, based on Dr. Palmer's collections, and forms a highly important contribution to the subject, leaving apparently little to be added by future explorers.—J. A. A.

Ralph and Bagg on the Birds of Oneida County, N. Y.—The 'Annotated List of the Birds of Oneida County, N. Y., and its immediate vicinity,'† by Dr. William L. Ralph and Mr. Egbert Bagg, though not "put forth as complete," is based on the observations of several years, and appears to have been compiled in a thoroughly scientific spirit and with due care, the authority being stated for such data as are not given on their personal knowledge. A few species have been included from having been found in neighboring counties, for which there is as yet no positive record for the county in question, but they are duly distinguished in the annotations, and are covered by the title in the phrase "its immediate vicinity." Many valuable observations are accredited to Dr. C. Hart Merriam (now of Washington, D. C.), and Messrs. A. L. Brainard and A. A. Howlet, of Syracuse. The List numbers 224 species.—J. A. A.

Platt on the Birds of Meriden, Conn.—Mr. Platt's List‡ appears to have strict reference to the town limits of Meriden, Conn., and to be based almost wholly on the author's personal observations. It is briefly annotated and numbers 116 species. The list is very attractively printed, and seems thoroughly trustworthy, so far as it goes, but is obviously in-

* Additions to the Ornithology of Guadalupe Island. By Walter E. Bryant. Bull. California Acad. Sciences, No. 6, pp. 269-318. ("Issued Jan. 5, 1887.")

† Trans. of the Oneida Hist. Soc., Vol. III, pp. 101-147, 1886.

‡ A List of the Birds of Meriden, Conn. By Franklin Platt. Trans. of the Meriden Scientific Assoc., Meriden, Conn., Vol. II, 1885-86, (Feb. 1887), pp. 30-53.